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Reference:	<u>Project</u>	<u>Location</u>
	EA, Transitway Phase II	Stamford, CT
		Project # 51093-0000-00002

Christopher Carlson
TRC Environmental
21 Griffin Road North
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Dear Mr. Carlson:

This responds to your recent correspondence requesting information on the presence of federally-listed and/or proposed endangered or threatened species in relation to the proposed activity(ies) referenced above.

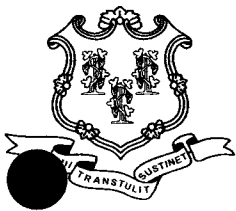
Based on information currently available to us, no federally-listed or proposed, threatened or endangered species or critical habitat under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are known to occur in the project area(s). Preparation of a Biological Assessment or further consultation with us under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act is not required.

This concludes our review of listed species and critical habitat in the project location(s) and environs referenced above. No further Endangered Species Act coordination of this type is necessary for a period of one year from the date of this letter, unless additional information on listed or proposed species becomes available.

Thank you for your coordination. Please contact us at 603-223-2541 if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Michael J. Amaral
Endangered Species Specialist
New England Field Office



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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Natural Diversity Data Base

March 7, 2006

Mr. Christopher E. Carlson
TRC Environmental Corporation
21 Griffin Road North
Windsor, CT 06095-1590

re: Stamford Urban Transitway Phase II in
Stamford, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Carlson:

I have reviewed Natural Diversity Data Base maps and files regarding the area delineated on the map you provided for the proposed Stamford Urban Transitway, Phase II in Stamford, Connecticut. According to our information, there are known extant populations of State Endangered *Falco peregrinus* (peregrine falcon) that occur in the vicinity of this project site. I have sent your letter to Julie Victoria (DEP-Wildlife; 860-642-7239) for further review. She will write to you directly with her comments.

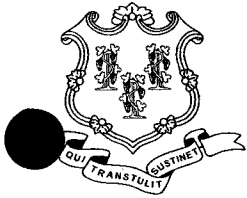
Natural Diversity Data Base information includes all information regarding critical biological resources available to us at the time of the request. This information is a compilation of data collected over the years by the Natural Resources Center's Geological and Natural History Survey and cooperating units of DEP, private conservation groups and the scientific community. This information is not necessarily the result of comprehensive or site-specific field investigations. Consultations with the Data Base should not be substitutes for on-site surveys required for environmental assessments. Current research projects and new contributors continue to identify additional populations of species and locations of habitats of concern, as well as, enhance existing data. Such new information is incorporated into the Data Base as it becomes available.

Please contact me if you have further questions at 424-3592. Thank you for consulting the Natural Diversity Data Base. Also be advised that this is a preliminary review and not a final determination. A more detailed review may be conducted as part of any subsequent environmental permit applications submitted to DEP for the proposed site.

Sincerely,

Dawn M. McKay
Biologist/Environmental Analyst

Cc: Julie Victoria, NDDB # 14332



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March 10, 2006

Mr. Christopher E. Carlson
TRC Environmental Corporation
21 Griffin Road North
Windsor, CT 06095-1590

re: Stamford Urban Transitway Phase II, Stamford

Dear Mr. Carlson:

Your request was forwarded to me on 3/9/06 from Dawn McKay of the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Natural Diversity Data Base. Their records indicate that a state endangered species, the Peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) occurs in the vicinity of this project.

Peregrine falcons have been recorded nesting on the nearby Bayview Towers. The Wildlife Division does not anticipate any adverse impact to this species. The Wildlife Division has been involved in putting up nesting boxes for peregrine falcons on rooftops that may be used by these birds. If an opportunity for such a box exists at this site, we would be happy to provide the plans and help coordinate box placement.

The Wildlife Division has not made an on-site inspection of the project area nor been provided with details or a timetable of the work to be done. Consultation with the Wildlife Division should not be substituted for site-specific surveys that may be required for environmental assessments. Please be advised that should state permits be required or should state involvement occur in some other fashion, specific restrictions or conditions relating to the species discussed above may apply. In this situation, additional evaluation of the proposal by the DEP Wildlife Division should be requested. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me (860-642-7239). Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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